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CHRB ADVISORY

The Medication and Track Safety Committee of the California Horse Racing Board will meet Wednesday, May 19, in the Directors Room at Golden Gate Fields beginning at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The CHRB track safety standards program will be discussed at the meeting. Still in its early stages, this program is designed to collect data relating to racetrack surfaces (e.g. track maintenance procedures, climate, moisture content, degree of compaction, etc.), which will be correlated with equine injury data in order to establish track safety standards for the protection of racing participants.

Two regulatory amendments are on the agenda. One deals with the modification of procaine levels – particularly to address procaine levels from residues of procaine penicillin. The other regulatory amendment deals with veterinary medical and training histories on horses submitted for necropsy under the CHRB/UC Davis California Animal Health and Food Safety necropsy program.

Other items for discussion include updates on the CHRB's drug testing programs; a report on the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium's laboratory accreditation program; withdrawal time research efforts; a recommendation to change permitted non-steroidal anti-inflammatory levels; an overview of the various injury monitoring programs underway in California, and a discussion of the feasibility and benefit of veterinary medical record transparency and transferability.

The Committee members are Commissioners Bo Derek, chair, and John Harris. The full agenda for the meeting and background materials (package) are available on the CHRB Website (www.chrb.ca.gov) through the "Board Meeting" link.

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